# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1053
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USE OF MOBILE PHONES
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has issued any directions to mobile phone operators to check the use of mobile phones without Integrated Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI); and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Directons were issued to all Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS)/Unified Access Service (UAS) Licensees to make provision of Equipment Identification Register (EIR) in their network so that calls without IMEI or that with all zeroes are not processed and rejected after 30th June 2009.

Further, Government has prohibited the import of `Mobile Handsets` (Classified under Exim Code 8517) without International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) No. or with all Zeroes IMEI with immediate effect vide Notification no. 112(RE-2008)/2004-2009, dated 16th June 2009 issued by Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.